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Applicant: Oomman Painumoottil THOMAS

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Title: ELASTOMERIC LAMINATE WITH FILM  
AND STRANDS SUITABLE FOR A  
NONWOVEN GARMENT

Group No. 1772

Examiner: A. Chevalier

### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Rules 1.56 and 1.98, the enclosed references were cited on Form PTO-1449 at Page 1, line AP; Page 3, lines AC and AM; Page 4, line AL; Page 14, line AD; Page 15, lines AE and AF; and Page 20, line AF, of the First Information Disclosure Statement filed on 29 May 2001. According to our records, we believe copies of each of these references were provided with the First Information Disclosure Statement. Therefore, we believe no fee is due. If, however,

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on

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a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency for considering this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 19-3550.

As indicated in the First Information Disclosure Statement, European Patent Reference 0 570 980 A1 appears to disclose a garment, such as an absorbent garment, having an adjustable fastening system around a waist area of the garment.

Also indicated in the First Information Disclosure Statement, Japanese Patent Reference 3-67646 appears to disclose a method of making a multilayered laminate in which a middle layer is differentially stretched in the machine direction as it is applied between two outer layers.

European Patent Reference 0 617 939 A2 appears to disclose a garment, such as an absorbent garment, having elasticized regions that extend from a front side region to an opposite leg opening and back to the opposite back side region. This reference also appears to disclose a garment having elasticized leg openings and an elasticized waist opening.

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Form PTO-1449 (1 page) is enclosed with a copy of each and every reference cited on Form PTO-1449.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melanie I. Rauch', written in a cursive style.

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